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TO ADVERTISERS.

THE FREE PRESS is a leading newspaper and advertising medium, and has the best office in the country. It is published daily, except on Sundays and holidays, and is circulated throughout the State. It is a powerful agent for the dissemination of news and information, and is a valuable medium for the advertisement of goods and services. It is a powerful agent for the dissemination of news and information, and is a valuable medium for the advertisement of goods and services.

An Outrage.

As is well known, steps were taken by former recent Legislatures of this state to enforce the collection of taxes against non-residents. Their lands where delinquent were advertised and sold, the State bidding most of them in. This course was becoming effective, and greatly to the advantage of the revenues of the State. But at the late session of the Legislature this system was annulled, and the probability is that the property of non resident landed nabobs will again escape taxation, while poor citizens are held strictly to the letter of the law and made to bear the entire burthen of taxation. By the way here was a most righteous occasion for the exercise of the Governor's veto, but he seems to have been so engaged with forging his bolts to hurl at our public school system that he overlooked it entirely.

The truth is, if taxation were just and equal, enforced against monopolists and speculators as well as the poor, it need not have been thought of to rob the children of the state of their right to the rudiments of an education and doom them to ignorance and barbarism on the score of economy. Add to this certain amendments to the constitution, notably a change in our monstrous judiciary system, which of itself is sufficient to swamp the credit of any State, and we should soon be able to get along without the aid of the humiliating expedients recommended by the Governor.

Cost of an Extra Session.

The last session of the legislature cost the people of Texas \$100,000, the mileage and per diem was \$80,000, and contingent expenses about \$20,000. An extra session, by the constitution, is limited to thirty days, and it is likely the whole time will be consumed. The mileage will cost \$9,000 and per diem of members, with thirty clerks draw the same pay, and other contingent expenses will amount to \$950 per day. All told, the extra session will cost not less than \$45,000.

Gov. Roberts' Indictment.—Governor Roberts' Proclamation calling a special session (if a session can be termed special which is to embrace at least twenty-nine general subjects of legislation) is commonly spoken of as his indictment of the 16th Legislature for two sins of commission and twenty-seven sins of omission, with the right reserved to add other counts in case the accused body does not plead guilty. It certainly makes out twenty-seven strong cases against the Legislature, which may serve to shield him from the consequences of the two invincible cases which the Legislature with his assistance has made out against himself.—Austin Cap.

Governor Roberts should note the fact that school appropriations are not made for the benefit of "common school masters" but for the school children of the State.—Dallas Com.

The man who says that he is in favor of public education and yet is opposed to all appropriations to pay for it is an infernal humbug, and Texas is full of them.—[Dallas Com.]

A Big Screw Loose.

It would be as well for the people of Texas to cease for a while their grumbling about an expensive state government and the deplorable state of our financial condition, and devote a little time to an inquiry as to why taxes are high and why our revenues are inadequate to meet the wants of the state government. Are the taxes properly assessed and paid? If so, what becomes of the money after it is paid by the taxpayer to the officials?

Sometime ago the Express referred to the fact that in 1876, according to the comptroller's report, there were about thirteen million acres of patented lands in this state on which no assessment return was made. Now we have it from a very responsible gentleman that according to reports in the comptroller's office that there are not over one thousand saloons in Texas!

Think of that ye grumbling taxpayers! Only one thousand saloons in a state containing about two million people! The gentleman who furnished the above information, and who says he got his information in the comptroller's office says there are counties reporting no saloons, in which, of his own personal knowledge, there are eight or ten, and in some counties no saloons have been reported as existing for the past several years.

There is evidently a considerable sized screw loose somewhere, and the people should demand an investigation. The legislature at its last session passed a very wise law which will close the leak in the deficiency of the land assessment, by charging assessors with the amount of land in each county, and withholding their fees until the required number of acres are rendered. Now let something be done to see that all other property as well as occupations, is equally assessed and that the money the goes into the treasury, and then we will hear no more of high taxes or deficiencies in revenue.—[San Antonio Express.]

New Orleans Times: For weeks and months, the attention of congress has been occupied almost entirely, with political matters of a purely partisan character. The material interests of the country have been neglected, and measures for the revival of commerce and other industries have received but little notice. It can not be said that one party is more responsible than the other for this condition of affairs. They are both engaged in manufacturing political capital and preparing for the campaign of 1880. When the republicans had full control of the government they availed themselves of every opportunity to strengthen their party, and now that the democrats are in the majority in congress, it is but natural that they should legislate in harmony with the views and theories of their party.

Speaking of the trouble going on in congress the Austin Statesman says: "If we could escape theoretical and impracticable issues growing out of the war, Blaine's occupation would be gone and the Inter-Ocean silenced. The world's wealth and intelligence would not be diverted from Texas by all the vicious forces of a depraved public opinion." It is not the congressional debate that is hurting Texas, but the ravings of such papers as the Statesman against public education that turns the tide away.—[Dallas Commercial.]

The other day the governor thought he saw a "common schoolmaster" on the other side of the street and immediately hurled a rock at him. The editor of the Statesman hurried up and begged the governor to kill the "wet-weather mountebank," "peripatetic pedagogue," scullion, villain, monster and corrupter of youth. But when the poor fellow explained that he was teaching a private school, of two scholars, at six bits a month, they begged his pardon and took him into the nearest saloon and set 'em up.—[Dallas Com.]

Cincinnati Commercial: As the republicans have no purpose of using troops at the polls, and no power to use them to preserve the peace or otherwise—as, troops or no troops, the entire south will be democratic in the next presidential election—as a democratic congress will count the electoral vote next time, and would rejoice at the glimpse of a bayonet in any republican state as an excuse for throwing it out—the question arises whether it would not be the truly stalwart thing to give the republicans a chance by the avoidance of even the appearance of evil.

PUBLIC SALE OF LANDS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES—1878.

STATE OF TEXAS—COUNTY OF HAYS.
Whereas, on the seventh day of May, 1878, I did, in compliance with law and by virtue of the Tax Rolls of Hays county due for the years hereinafter stated, levy upon and seize certain Real Estate hereinafter described as belonging to the owners whose names appear in the following list, and lands assessed to unknown owners, and delinquents for said years, for the amounts set forth. Now, this is, therefore, to give notice that I shall on the

THIRD DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1879, proceed to sell at Public Auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door, in the town of San Marcos, within legal hours, the following described Real Estate, seized and levied upon to satisfy said Tax, together with all costs that have accrued or may hereafter accrue thereon.

Name of Taxpayer.	Acres.	No. Survey.	Original Grantee.	Am't of Tax Due.
Akins Perry	484	59	J. W. Williams	\$ 4 57
Allen Mrs. M. L.	9	100	T. B. Jackson	3 50
Burleson Oil	90	101	Robert Cleburn	2 02
Brady Thomas	11	100	T. G. McVee	36
Burtis J. B.	11	100	J. B. Eaves	2 63
Burleson J. C.	1	50	P. J. Allen	7 75
Billingly C.	2	3	T. J. Chambers	10 17
Barton R. C.	10	218	M. M. McCarver	27 68
Coke Fred	1	100	S. C. Gearvis	12 60
Caraban D.	237	1478	P. J. Allen	25 72
Chandler F. W.	69	211	Thos. Crenshaw	35
Clarke Robt B.	406	40	Calvin Rowell	4 92
Crawford J. B.	114	100	J. B. Crawford	2 68
Cris J.	230	103	J. B. Hanna	8 77
Dwyer J. E.	17	107	J. Veremendi	43 75
Duranberger J.	74	63	Jno Barton	14 92
Ferguson W. E.	319	63	W. H. Vanhorn	4 92
Ford Thomas H.	249	323	E. B. Hargraves	13 88
Fisher Mary C.	475	308	Thos. K. Ford	3 15
Gray Jack	450	59	H. H. White	5 97
Gatlin Mary	1	40	P. J. Allen	10 32
Gatlin L. M.	1	40	P. J. Allen	8 43
Greenly S.	12	3	J. Veremendi	7 70
Hasti W.	10	600	M. M. McCowen	10 50
"	4	1600	J. H. Holderman	4 48
"	283	70	S. C. Gearvis	47 74
"	55	60	A. Brichia	49 55
Hart Jno.	333	640	J. M. Miller	1 49
Johnson Wm.	18	25	L. J. Whalley	17
Johnson Est. J. S.	10	127	W. B. Travis	7 70
Kyle Curran	270	10	Sam Morgan	29 90
Kyer Wm. M.	17	54	J. Veremendi	14 20
Kyer R. F. & Co.	171	253	J. B. Eaves	14 05
Kyle P. R.	474	33	L. Stewey	12 10
"	329	144	12 J. Hinton	12 10
"	370	40	Wm. Ward	12 10
"	370	40	Wm. Ward	12 10
Kelly Jno. W.	281	320	Jno O'Neal	4 20
Kirk G. H.	74	302	Francis Kelly	5 82
Kessner Geo.	74	157	Jno Barton	7 37
Lawrence H. O.	304	100	H. O. Lawrence	6 50
Markley Dan F.	2	10	P. J. Allen	5 10
Martin J. C.	6	35	A. F. Enshaw	6 12
Neill J. C.	373	640	Isaac Pace	2 30
Nash J. J.	292	330	Wm. Hemphill	11 20
Patton heirs	17	21	J. Veremendi	7 17
Pitts W. C.	2	5	T. J. Chambers	5 25
Pace J. F. heirs	373	1500	J. B. Eaves	7 35
Robinson Jane	171	72	Henry Loller	5 82
Rector George	295	33	A. Turner	6 80
Richardson Jno.	492	3	J. B. Elliott	1 57
Rice and E.	175	169	N. McArthur	2 62
Rosenberger W.	323	640	Caroline Moore	16 15
Roy F. S.	102	180	G. W. Lindsey	1 40
"	324	190	T. J. Chambers	87
Robards W. C.	295	613	Thomas J. Staples	6 50
Staples T. J.	457	160	Thos. W. Moore	6 20
Sweeney E. J.	318	115	A. McKewen	1 22
Thomas G. H.	339	75	J. Veremendi	7 72
Warren Reuben	613	6	J. Veremendi	87
White J. J.	2	16	Jno Barton	5 10
Wolf Christian	35	150	Jas Curtis	8 25
Wilkes G. P.	74	63	L. W. Kingley	6 50
Wagner J. C.	74	63	S. V. Eggleston	4 40
Watkins Milton	3	80	George Herder	17 00
Young R. S.	289	80	Wm. Hemphill	3 15
Hawkins T. B.	5	563		
Payne Jno L.	472	1		
Rathiff J. B.	197	1		
Stone V. A.	229	180		

FORMER OWNERS UNKNOWN.				
Thompson Wm.	2	40	T J Chambers	2 80
Sanders R. D.	8	80	T B Jackson	2 80
Lawson J R.	9	12		1 15
UNKNOWN OWNERS.				
Unknown Owner	29	160	Wm Allen	70
do	29	160	Wm Allen	70
do	62	320	Henrich Brachse	1 40
do	3	374	T J Chambers	5 25
do	88	177	Coreta Chappell	70
do	90	170	Sarah Chappell	16
do	100	522	Wm Cockburn	2 45
do	101	437		2 10
do	106	876	Jno Cassidy	3 85
do	4	160	W H D Carrington	70
do	4	160	Andrew Dunn	7 00
do	185	450	A Drane	2 10
do	196	160	"	70
do	4	274	S V R Eggleston	2 80
do	172	2452	Otis G Eels	47 70
do	173	179	Miles F Atkins	2 10
do	174	304	Gregoria Esparsa	3 50
do	187	1414	Jas Ferguson	2 45
do	196	697	G Guerrero	1 80
do	230	149	B F Hanna	2 10
do	230	1200	Geo W Hale	5 85
do	240	64	Julia Hernandez	2 80
do	241	640	"	2 80
do	260	80	Hammett Washington	35
do	264	124	Geo Herder, 2 yrs	34 40
do	284	122	J S Irvin, 2 yrs	7 75
do	295	708	Sam Little	18 55
do	297	3269	Jas Lansing	15 75
do	12	1230	Jno G McGhee	10 50
do	311	1000	Granville Mills	10 50
do	309	177	Wm. M. Moore	1 05
do	318	283	E H Moore	1 40
do	330	267	Joel Miner	4 65
do	340	203	M A Moore	3 50
do	368	541	Wm Porter	9 45
do	372	3623	Jeswa Pares	36 00
do	12	1533	Jas Pasley	4 75
do	391	200	Jeremiah Roberts	1 55
do	393	1368	Jas C Rice	7 00
do	493	440	Cornelius Rooney	1 75
do	492	960	"	2 80
do	404	676	M B Roper	2 80
do	14	2721	Jno Stewart	48 85
do	14	1397	W B Sweney	11 50
do	444	177	Abner Smalley	2 80
do	467	724	Geo A Symms	1 40
do	468	69	M B Tatum	6 30
do	476	648	Wm Taylor	35
do	19	1714	Trinidad Varcasas	11 55
do	20	809	Amelia Wilson	6 25
do	478	253	Freelove Woody	5 25
do	483	120	Wm Ward	2 80
do	498	18	Cyrus Wickson	5 25
do	495	640	L C White	35
do	504	107	Jno Warren	2 80
do	519	177	F M White	35
do			Pleasant Young	1 05

SUPPLEMENTAL—1877.				
Gates P F	519	194	Jno Yearby	8 25
Unknown	593	640	Harrison Young	2 80
do	45	160	H. Benson	3 12
do	229	320	Wm Hemphill	16 54
do	165	430	A Drake	1 04
do	168	180	" "	1 04
do	51	170	Sarah Chappell	1 04
do	339	1200	Geo W Hale	7 80
do	240	640	Julia Hernandez	4 16
do	241	640	" "	4 16
do	425	640	Simcon Saunders	4 16
do	426	640	" "	4 16
do	427	640	Jas Simmons	4 16
do	428	640	Geo Stubblefield	4 16

List of Town Lots.				
Name of Taxpayer.	No. Lot.	No. Block.	Town.	Am't Tax.
Colfield H R	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 14	San Marcos,	C A	\$30 47
Holland R C	7, 8, 9, 10	5	" L & H A	5 35
Markley & Deviny	2, 3	6	" L W M A	5 10
Secrets George	3	2	" L & H A	1 05
Watkins Lavina	13	16	" L & H A	9 30
Smith J J	8, 9	14	" L & H A	2 40
"	8	6	" L & H A	1 05
Unknown Owner	56	9	"	1 05
do	16	13	"	1 05
do	2	13	"	1 05
do	3 of 6	13	"	1 05
do	3	23	"	1 05
do	3	24	"	1 05
do	4	24	" CL M A	35
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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14, '79.

It was a surprise to all yesterday, when the Senate, by a decisive vote, concurred with the House in the proposition directing the Secretary of the Treasury to use for the payment of arrears of pensions the eight or ten millions of money his vaults, held there to redeem fractional currency long since worn out. It was surprising, not because there was any reasonable objection to such a course, but because the vote showed a willingness to act upon financial matters. So far as the pensions are concerned the vote is of no consequence, as there is plenty of money in the Treasury to pay them. That they are not paid is the fault of the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary of the Interior or both. The interest on bonds is the only money that Secretary Sherman pays out cheerfully and promptly. Yesterday before the vote alluded to, Senator Booth attacked the course of the Secretary vigorously.

The proposition mentioned above was a part of the Legislative appropriation bill, and will of course, share the fate of that bill. Opinions differ as to what Mr. Hayes will do when the bill goes to him, as it will in a day or two, but a veto is expected by pretty much every one. The veto of the army bill after assurances that convinced many Democrats that the bill would be approved, and the veto on Monday of the Ladd bill, after renewed and emphatic assurances of the same kind, has created a conviction that Mr. Hayes has determined to be governed by the extreme elements of his party. At the dictation of men like Chandler and Robeson he will in all human probability veto any measure of importance passed at the present session in relation to troops or civil officers at the polls or to the repeal of the jury test oath. The truth is, apparently, that Mr. Hayes, revering the words which were spoken in the House by his personal friends, secured his inauguration is determined to "rule over provinces, not States."—REX.

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